

HEADQUARTERS  
Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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14 Feb 1970

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, (Attn: G-3)  
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 January 1970  
Ref: (a) 5750.4

- Encl: J(1) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One
- J(2) Command Chronology, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One
- J(3) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One
- J(4) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One
- J(5) Command Chronology, 11th Dental Company
- J(6) Command Chronology, Civic Action
- J(7) Command Chronology, Chaplain

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

PART I

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Period</u>
Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One	Danang, RVN	1-31 Jan 1970
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11th Dental Company	Danang, RVN	1-31 Jan 1970

Organizational Data

1. Commander, Staff and Subordinate Unit Members

a. Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One

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Executive Officer	1-31 Jan 1970	LtCol Edward J. GODFREY
Adjutant	1-31 Jan 1970	WO-1 George D. KREBS
S-1	1-31 Jan 1970	Capt Thomas M. ANDERSON
S-2/S-3	1-24 Jan 1970	Maj William B. WILSON
	25-29 Jan 1970	Vacant
	30-31 Jan 1970	Maj William E. DODDS
S-4	1-31 Jan 1970	Capt Marvin L. CREEL

b. Subordinate Units

(1) Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Jan 1970	LtCol Henry F. FITTER
Executive Officer	1-31 Jan 1970	Maj Thomas L. WATKINS
Admin Officer	1-31 Jan 1970	CWO-2 Ronald A. GIROUARD

(2) Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Jan 1970	Maj Allen B. RAY
Executive Officer	1-31 Jan 1970	Capt Frederick A. LORENTSEN
Admin Officer	1-31 Jan 1970	Vacant

(3) Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One

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Executive Officer	1-31 Jan 1970	Maj Billy G. PHILLIPS

(4) 11th Dental Company

Commanding Officer 1-31 Jan 1970 Capt Van L. JOHNSON Jr  
 Executive Officer 1-31 Jan 1970 Cdr Paul E. BARRON  
 Admin Officer 1-31 Jan 1970 Ltjg M. J. KERN

2. Task Organization for the period 1-31 Jan 1970

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
MWHG-1	Danang, RVN
H&HS-1	Danang, RVN
MWCS-1	Danang, RVN
MWFS-1	Danang, RVN
11thDenCo	Danang, RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength of MWHG-1 for the period 1-31 Jan 1970

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>				<u>ENLISTED</u>	
	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
H&HS-1	NA 47	AG 107	NFO 6	10	601	25
MWCS-1	0	12	0	0	241	0
MWFS-1	2	3	0	0	155	0
11thDenCo	0	0	0	24	4	46
MWHG-1	49	122	6	34	1001	71

## 4. Important Visitors to this Command: N/A

## PART II

Narrative Summary

During the month of January 1970, Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One and its subordinate units provided administrative and logistical support for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters at Danang Air Base, Republic of Vietnam and provided command administrative communications for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters and air control communications for the Tactical Air Direction Center. Tango Sector Alpha was in defense condition #3 every night during the month of January 1970. No enemy rounds were received in the compound during this period.

## PART III

Significant Events

1. Personnel. The Group continues to be over the approved T/O, but well below the provisional T/O. Because of the size of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, the accompanying workload in the Wing Headquarters requires the additional Wing Staff personnel. The lack of the recommended number of personnel is not considered to have a deleterious effect on the ability of this Group to carry out all assigned missions and tasks.

2. Administration. Routine administrative work was performed during January 1970.

3. Awards. The following awards were presented during the month of January 1970.

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
Distinguished Flying Cross	2	
Air Medal	3	

4. Casualties. There were two (2) non-hostile casualties during the month of January 1970.

5. Morale/Welfare Programs. Wing Special Services provided the Headquarters Group Compound with many off-duty activities including handball, volleyball, tennis, horseshoes, basketball and weightlifting. The Group as well as Wing offered entertaining floor shows and happy hours several times throughout the month. The China Beach, Freedom Hill and Golden Gate USO's supplemented the aforementioned activities. Although liberty remains secured in the Danang area, the China Beach recreation center continued operations for the enjoyment of all hands. Also, R&R seat allocations and RON flights enabled personnel to relax out of country for several days.

6. Civic Action. Details of the MWHG-1 Civic Action Program are outlined in enclosure (6).

7. Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence. The Intelligence Section performed routine administrative support during the month of January 1970; including an Intelligence Brief for the Command Indoctrination Presentation, handling all matters pertaining to requesting security clearances and access for Group personnel, and obtaining the daily G-2 briefing on significant events in I Corps.

8. Ground Defense. Eight patrols were conducted in the villages surrounding the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters Compound during the month of January 1970. Nothing of significance was discovered.

9. Training. General Military Subjects Training for all enlisted Marines is held at the Group level each Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon. A total of 297 personnel attended GMST during the month. A total of 84 officers and enlisted attended the Command Indoctrination Presentation and a total of 33 Marines of the Group FAM fired their T/O weapon and went through the Gas Chamber Exercise. Formal schools were attended by 14 Marines of the Group during January 1970. Technical Training was conducted by the squadrons at four hours per month per MOS.

10. Maintenance. The Utilities Section completed the installation of wooden frames around fighting holes in front of the Commanding General's Quarters; constructed and painted twenty signs to mark fighting positions; constructed and painted fifty fire barrel lids; painted all handrails and foot bridges; replaced and strengthened the wooden foundation of the Wing Civil Affairs Officer's sea hut; and installed skid pads in all heads.

11. Logistics. The Logistics Section carried out routine administrative support for the Group.

12. Supply. The Supply Section conducted normal supply operations in support of the Group and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. The Marine Corps Property Section 1259 requisitions and Navy Property processed 2953 requisitions with a net effectiveness of 96.5% and 98.8% respectively for January 1970.

13. Communications. See Part III paragraph 6 of Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One Command Chronology; enclosure (3).

14. Religious Services. See Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Chaplain's Chronology; enclosure (7).

#### PART IV

#### Chronology of Subordinate Commands

1. Command Chronologies for subordinate units of this command are attached hereto as indicated:

✓ Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One	-	enclosure (2)	} <i>enc</i>
✓ Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One	-	enclosure (3)	
✓ Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One	-	enclosure (4)	
✓ 11th Dental Company	-	enclosure (5)	

CIVIC ACTION OFFICE  
 Marine Wing Headquarters Group One  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
 FPO San Francisco 96602

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 7 Feb 1970

From: Civic Action Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One (Attn: S-3)  
 Subj: Command Chronology for the Month of January 1970  
 Ref: (a) Gru0 5750.1D

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted.

PART III

2. Civic Action

a. Three teams organized by Dr. M. SEALEY (CORDS Veterinarian) and Lt. BRIGHT (29th Civil Affairs Co., USA) consisting of two local Vietnamese men and a Civic Action team member, each, were dispatched throughout the Hamlet of Phuoc Tuong 6-8 Jan to inoculate hogs belonging to the Vietnamese for protection from a hog cholera epidemic spreading throughout the hamlet. The medicine supplied by the GVN cost the villagers \$VN 10 per shot. A total of 136 hogs were inoculated during this period.

b. Personal Response classes were given on 7 and 28 Jan with an attendance of 84 and 40 Marines, respectively.

c. On 13 Jan the Group Personal Response Council met to discuss problems with the conduct of junior enlisted Marines toward the housemaids and problems in gift giving to Local National Civilians.

d. The 1st MAW A&M Inspection of Civic Action was held on 14 Jan, vice 20 Jan. The assigned grade was "satisfactory" with a few ideas offered for improvements in the Personal Response portion.

e. Procedures for selling the chickens were discussed with the 1st MAW Civil Affairs Officer on 17 Jan. Each individual Group Civic Action Officer was to have the responsibility for selling the chickens in whatever manner necessary to secure the highest price. After investigating chicken prices in the DaNang markets, it was determined that the chickens raised in the chicken raising project would be sold at \$VN500 - \$VN550 each. Chicken sales began on 29 Jan at an average price of \$VN500 per chicken.

ENCLOSURE (6)

CIVIC ACTION OFF/MWHG-1

JAN 1970

f. Outside lighting was installed to illuminate the exterior of the Center, and a steel bulkhead erected behind the enlisted men's quarters. With the bunker already constructed and barbed wire fencing around the entire Center, the security of the Center is the best possible under the circumstances.

g. A possible assassination attempt was made against the hamlet chief on 23 Jan with an M-26 grenade, trip wire rigged across the door to his office. The trip wire was spotted by the Vietnamese and reported to the Civic Action team. The device was dismantled by SSgt V.R. NOGON, the Civic Action NCOIC. Reports were made to the CO, MWHG-1, and 1st MAW, G-2.

h. Tet gift packages consisting of unsellable supplies from the local Exchanges - soap, toothpaste, razor blades, etc. - were distributed to approximately 2000 of the poorest families of the hamlet on 26 Jan.

i. On 28 Jan, SSgt V.R. NOGON was transferred from Civic Action and rotated to CONUS.

j. A vehicle-pedestrian accident in which an 8 year old Vietnamese boy was killed occurred on 29 Jan on the paved road near the entrance to the Civic Action Center. The vehicle and driver belonged to the 175th Veterinary Detachment. Coordination was effected with the CO, 175th Vet. Det. and solatium payment was made by them on 2 Feb 1970.

k. A letter from the Phuoc Tuong Hamlet Chief concerning SSgt V.R. NOGON's (outstanding) performance of duty as the Civic Action NCOIC was given to Col D.G. SWINFORD for forwarding to the CG, 1st MAW, as the Hamlet Chief wished, on 30 Jan.

l. The hog raising project continues with no problems.

m. Sewing classes are in the process of sewing clothing for 50 of the poorest children in the hamlet. Cloth material was obtained with 1st MAW CAO AIK funds.



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ENCLOSURE (6)

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN  
 Marine Wing Headquarters Group One  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
 FPO San Francisco 96602

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 5213/4  
 10 February 1970

From: Chaplain, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One  
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One

Subj: Group Command Chronology for January 1970

Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.1D of 21 December 1968

1. In compliance with reference (a), the following information is submitted for inclusion in the Group Command Chronology.

(a) Divine Services Conducted in MWHB-1

	Sun	Att	Wkdy	Att	TotSor	TotAtt
Protestant	4	177	Ø	Ø	4	177
Catholic	8	275	16	38	24	313
Episcopal	4	35	Ø	Ø	4	35
Lutheran	4	36	Ø	Ø	4	36
	20	523	16	38	36	621

(b) Other Religious Activities

- (1) Counseled 42 Marines
- (2) 12 AA Meetings Attendance 33
- (3) 3 Choir Rehearsals Attendance 28
- (4) 4 Visits to Orphanage Attendance 30
- (5) 8 Bible Studies Attendance 35

(c) Presentations Made by Chaplain in Training Program

- (1) 1 Indoctrination Lecture Attendance 47
- (2) 1 Moral Guidance Lecture Attendance 45

(d) Activities, Gifts, Etc., in the Vietnamese Community

- (1) DADS FOR KIDS--50 Children are presently sponsored.
- (2) Work continues on mess hall tables and repair of the playground equipment.

ENCLOSURE (7)

OFF CHAPLAIN / 10045-1

JAN 1970

## (3) SECRET ENGLISH

<u>Date</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Students</u>
8 Jan.	2	3	105
10 Jan.	4	5	162
14 Jan.	3	5	224
19 Jan.	3	3	78
20 Jan.	4	4	211
21 Jan.	3	3	34
26 Jan.	4	3	98
28 Jan.	4	5	22
29 Jan.	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>167</u>
Total	<u>31</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>1131</u>

(4) English is being taught at China Beach Orphanage as well as St. Joseph's School.

(5) Wanted:

- (a) 1,000 lbs of food to Sacred Heart Orphanage
- (b) 1,000 lbs of food to China Beach Orphanage
- (c) 100 cans of peanut brittle to local school
- (d) 30 sheets of plywood for mess hall tables

c. Meetings Attended

- (1) 1 CP's Staff Meeting
- (2) 2 Human Relations Meeting
- (3) Professional Seminar in Tokyo from 1 to 7 February

f. Hospital and Brig Visits

- (1) 1 hospital visit

  
GORDON N. CARTER

Copy to: Wing Chaplain

ENCLOSURE (7)

HEADQUARTERS  
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15 Mar 1970

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MWFS-1	2	3	0	0	145	0
11thDenCo	0	0	0	23	4	43
<u>MVHG-1</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>983</u>	<u>68</u>

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Navy Commendation Medal	1	
Navy Achievement Medal	1	1
Air Medal	8	2

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10. Maintenance. The Utilities Section completed the installation of an Air Conditioner in the new COC room of the G-3 building; rewired the "E" Mess deck so that the salad bar and milk and juice dispensers could be relocated in the center of the mess deck for easier access; and removed and replaced all sand filled barrels with revetment walls on all buildings along Highway 1.

11. Logistics. The Logistics Section carried out routine administrative support for the Group.

12. Supply. The Supply Section conducted normal supply operations in support of the Group and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. The Marine Corps Property Section processed 621 requisitions and Navy Property processed 2752 requisitions with a net effectiveness of 99% and 95% respectively for February 1970.

13. Communications. See Part III paragraph 6 of Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One Command Chronology; enclosure (3).

14. Religious Services. See Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Chaplain's Chronology; enclosure (7).

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